

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. - 4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) A towel dryer comprising:

an aluminum body, the body comprising [[a]] an anodized surface configured to contact and transfer heat to a towel to be dried, the surface having a degree of reflectance not less than 80%.

6. (previously presented) The towel dryer of claim 5 wherein the body comprises at least one tube for carrying a heated fluid, the surface on the outside of the at least one tube.

7. - 8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The towel dryer ~~of claim 5~~ comprising an aluminum body, the body comprising a surface configured to contact and transfer heat to a towel to be dried, the surface having a degree of reflectance not less than 80%, and a clear lacquer coat on the aluminum surface.

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The towel dryer of claim 5 ~~10~~ comprising a clear lacquer coat on the anodized surface.

12. (currently amended) The towel dryer of claim 5 ~~10~~ wherein the anodized surface comprises Eloxan.

13. (new) The towel dryer of claim 5 wherein the anodized surface is an anodized mechanically polished surface.

14. (new) The towel dryer of claim 5 wherein the anodized surface is one of: an anodized chemically treated surface and an anodized electrochemically treated surface.

15. (new) The towel dryer of claim 5 comprising means for heating the body above ambient temperature.

16. (new) The towel dryer of claim 15 wherein the anodized surface at least partially surrounds the means for heating the body.

17. (new) A method of drying a towel comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an aluminum body, the body comprising an anodized surface configured to contact and transfer heat to a towel to be dried, the surface having a degree of reflectance not less than 80%;

(b) heating the body above ambient temperature; and

(c) placing a towel to be dried on the anodized surface to transfer heat from the surface to the towel by conduction.

18. (new) The method of claim 17 wherein step (a) comprises the steps of:

(d) mechanically polishing the aluminum body surface; and

(e) anodizing the polished surface.

19. (new) The method of claim 17 wherein step (a) comprises the step of:

- (d) chemically treating the aluminum body surface; and
- (e) anodizing the chemically treated aluminum body surface.

20. (new) The method of claim 17 wherein step (a) comprises the step of:

- (d) electrochemically treating the aluminum body surface;
and
- (e) anodizing the electrochemically treated aluminum body surface.

21. (new) The method of claim 17 wherein step (a) comprises the additional step of:

- (d) applying a clear lacquer coat on the anodized aluminum body surface.